

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter rewritten claims 22, 26, 34, 37, 41-43, 47, 52-55, 59, and 64-68. A list of all claims in application serial number 09/728,170 follows:

5 1-22 (cancelled)

22. (currently amended) A secure printer system comprising:

(a) an electronic device having a first compartment and a second compartment outside of the first compartment, wherein the first compartment is secure and comprises a door and a door
10 locking mechanism; and

(b) a printer system positioned in the second compartment, the printer system comprising a locking mechanism being adapted to releasably secure the printer system, at least a portion of the locking mechanism located in the first compartment to allow access to the printer system;
~~wherein the printer system is accessible from the secure first compartment.~~

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23. (cancelled)

24. (original) The secure printer system of claim 22, wherein the second compartment is an unsecured compartment.

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25. (original) The secure printer system of claim 22, wherein the secure first compartment and the second compartment are separated by a wall.

26. (currently amended) The secure printer system of claim 25, wherein the secure first compartment further comprises a portion of the printer locking mechanism that engages the printer system.

5 27. (original) The secure printer system of claim 26, wherein the printer locking mechanism comprises a spring biased pin.

28. (original) The secure printer system of claim 22, wherein the printer system comprises a support frame, a chassis engaged with the support frame and a printer assembly removably
10 attached to the chassis.

29. (original) The secure system of claim 28, wherein the printer assembly comprises:

(a) a printer for printing on printable media; and

(b) a controller for controlling the printer.

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30. (original) The secure system of claim 29 wherein the printer system further comprises a media holder for storing printable media, wherein the media holder is positioned beneath the printer assembly.

20 31. (original) The secure system of claim 30, wherein the printable media is fully exposed when the printer assembly is removed from the printer system.

32. (original) The secure system of claim 31, wherein the printer system further comprises
glides for slidably engaging the chassis with the support frame in a lateral direction.

5 33. (original) The secure system of claim 32, wherein the printer assembly comprises a pin for
engaging a slot in the chassis.

34. (currently amended) The secure system of claim 33, wherein the printer locking
mechanisms~~system further~~ comprises a locking mechanism for securing the chassis in a closed
10 position on the support frame.

35. (original) The secure printer system of claim 22, wherein the device is a gaming device.

36. (original) The secure printer system of claim 22, wherein the device is an automatic teller
15 machine.

37. (currently amended) A secure printer system comprising:

(a) an electronic device having a secure compartment and a printer compartment outside of the secure compartment, wherein the secure compartment comprises a door and a door locking mechanism; and

(b) a printer system positioned in the printer compartment, wherein at least a portion of a printer locking mechanism is accessible through the secure compartment, and ~~wherein the printer locking mechanism~~ engages the printer system from the secure compartment.

38. (original) The secure printer system of claim 37, wherein the secure compartment and the printer compartment are separated by a wall.

39. (original) The secure printer system of claim 37, wherein the printer system comprises a support frame, a chassis engaged with the support frame, a printer assembly removably attached to the chassis and a media holder for storing printable media.

40. (original) The secure printer system of claim 39, wherein the printer locking mechanism comprises a spring biased pin that engages the chassis of the printer system.

41. (currently amended) A gaming device, the gaming device comprising:

(A) a first compartment;

(B) at least one printer positioned substantially in the first compartment, wherein the

5 printer is serviced by at least partially removing the printer from the first

compartment, the printer being adapted to print on media and present the media to
a player;

(C) a locking mechanism associated with the printer, the locking mechanism limiting
removal of the printer;

10 ~~(C)~~(D) a second compartment outside of the first compartment, the second compartment
having an opening, at least a portion of the locking mechanism being located in the
second compartment; and

~~(D)~~(E) at least one door attached to the second compartment, the door being adapted to
cover the opening when the door is in a closed position, wherein when the door is in a
15 closed position, the door limits access to the portion of the locking mechanism located in
the second compartment~~removal of the printer.~~

42. (currently amended) The gaming device of claim 41, ~~further comprising a locking
mechanism associated with the printer, the locking mechanism limiting removal of the~~

20 ~~printer,~~ at least a portion of the locking mechanism adapted to be actuated from within
the second compartment such that when the door is closed, the door limits ~~access~~
~~to~~actuation of the locking mechanism adapted to be actuated from within the second
compartment, thereby limiting removal of the printer.

43. (currently amended) The gaming device of claim 41, wherein the printer is slidably attached to the first compartment, wherein moving the printer at least partially out of the ~~second~~first compartment provides at least partial access to the printer.

5 44. (original) The gaming device of claim 43, further comprising a chassis and a frame, the printer being attached to the chassis, the chassis being slidably attached to the frame, and the frame being attached to the first compartment, wherein moving the chassis at least partially out of the frame provides at least partial access to the printer.

10 45. (original) The gaming device of claim 44, further comprising a glide attached to the chassis and the frame, wherein the glide facilitates sliding the chassis at least partially out of the frame.

46. (original) The gaming device of claim 44, wherein the printer is removably attached to
15 the chassis, wherein the printer may be completely removed from the chassis.

47. (currently amended) The gaming device of claim 44, wherein ~~the further comprising a~~
locking mechanism is in contact with the chassis and limits the chassis from sliding
relative to the frame, ~~wherein when the door is closed, the door limits access to the~~
20 ~~locking mechanism, thereby limiting removal of the printer.~~

48. (original) The gaming device of claim 41, further comprising a media holder in the first compartment positioned to provide media to the printer, the media holder being adapted to store media for use by the printer, wherein when the door is in a closed position, the door limits access to the media holder.

49. (original) The gaming device of claim 48, further comprising at least one chassis and at least one frame, the media holder being attached to the chassis, the chassis being slidably attached to the frame, and the frame being attached to the first compartment, wherein the media holder is accessed by sliding the chassis at least partially out of the frame.

50. (original) The gaming device of claim 49, wherein the printer is removably attached to the chassis.

51. (original) The gaming device of claim 50, wherein the media comprises a strip, the media being fed to the printer along a path, wherein the path is exposed when the printer is removed from the chassis.

52. (currently amended) The gaming device of claim 49 ~~wherein the~~ further comprising a locking mechanism is in contact with the chassis, the locking mechanism ~~limiting~~ limits the chassis from sliding relative to the frame, the locking mechanism being adapted to be actuated from within the second compartment, ~~wherein when the door is closed, the door limits access to the locking mechanism, thereby limiting removal of the printer.~~

53. (currently amended) A gaming device, the gaming device comprising:

(A) a first compartment;

(B) at least one printer positioned substantially in the first compartment, wherein the printer is serviced by at least partially removing the printer from the first

5 compartment, the printer being adapted to print on media and present the media to a player;

(C) a locking mechanism associated with the printer, the locking mechanism selectively limiting removal of the printer;

10 ~~(C)~~(D) a second compartment outside of the first compartment, the second compartment having an opening, a portion of the locking mechanism located within the second compartment; and

~~(D)~~(E) at least one door attached to the second compartment, the door being adapted to cover the opening when the door is in a closed position, wherein opening the door provides at least partial access to the ~~printer~~locking mechanism, thereby allowing
15 removal of the printer.

54. (currently amended) The gaming device of claim 53, ~~further comprising a locking mechanism associated with the printer, the locking mechanism limiting removal of the printer,~~ the locking mechanism adapted to be actuated from within the second
20 compartment, wherein when the door is closed, the door limits access to the locking mechanism, thereby limiting removal of the printer.

55. (currently amended) The gaming device of claim 53, wherein the printer is slidably attached to the first compartment, wherein moving the printer at least partially out of the first~~second~~ compartment provides at least partial access to the printer.

56. (original) The gaming device of claim 55, further comprising a chassis and a frame, the printer being attached to the chassis, the chassis being slidably attached to the frame, and the frame being attached to the first compartment, wherein moving the chassis at least partially out of the frame provides at least partial access to the printer.

57. (original) The gaming device of claim 56, further comprising a glide attached to the chassis and the frame, wherein the glide facilitates sliding the chassis at least partially out of the frame.

58. (original) The gaming device of claim 56, wherein the printer is removably attached to the chassis, wherein the printer may be completely removed from the chassis.

59. (currently amended) The gaming device of claim 56, wherein the ~~further comprising a locking mechanism is in contact with the chassis, the locking mechanism limiting limits the chassis from sliding relative to the frame, the locking mechanism being adapted to be actuated from within the second compartment, wherein when the door is closed, the door limits access to the locking mechanism, thereby limiting removal of the printer.~~

60. (original) The gaming device of claim 53, further comprising a media holder in the first compartment positioned to provide media to the printer, the media holder being adapted to store media for use by the printer, wherein when the door is in a closed position, the door limits access to the media holder.

61. (original) The gaming device of claim 60, further comprising at least one chassis and at least one frame, the media holder being attached to the chassis, the chassis being slidably attached to the frame, and the frame being attached to the first compartment, wherein the media holder is accessed by sliding the chassis at least partially out of the frame.

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62. (original) The gaming device of claim 61, wherein the printer is removably attached to the chassis.

63. (original) The gaming device of claim 62, wherein the media comprises a strip, the media
10 being fed to the printer along a path, wherein the path is exposed when the printer is removed from the chassis.

64. (currently amended) The gaming device of claim 61, ~~wherein the further comprising a~~
locking mechanism is in contact with the chassis, the locking mechanism limiting limits
15 the chassis from sliding relative to the frame, ~~the locking mechanism being adapted to be~~
~~actuated from within the second compartment, wherein when the door is closed, the door~~
~~limits access to the locking mechanism, thereby limiting removal of the printer.~~

65. (currently amended) A method of securing a printer in a gaming device comprising, but not necessarily in the order shown:

(A) providing at least a first compartment;

(B) providing at least one printer;

5 (C) providing a printer locking mechanism;

~~(C)~~(D) providing at least a second compartment outside of the first compartment, the second compartment having an opening, at least a portion of the printer locking mechanism located in the second compartment;

~~(D)~~(E) providing at least one door;

10 (F) providing at least one door lock adapted to selectively secure the door;

~~(E)~~(G) positioning the printer substantially in the first compartment; and

~~(F)~~(H) covering the opening with the door, wherein access to the printer locking mechanism is limited by the door lock.

15 66. (currently amended) The method of claim 65, ~~further comprising:~~

~~(A) providing a locking mechanism; and~~

~~(B) attaching the locking mechanism to the gaming device, wherein the locking mechanism limits removal of the printer and is actuated in the second compartment.~~

67. (currently amended) A method of accessing a printer in a gaming device comprising, but not necessarily in the order shown:

(A) providing at least a first compartment;

(B) providing at least one printer substantially in the first compartment;

5 (C) providing at least a second compartment outside of the first compartment, the second compartment having an opening;

(D) providing a printer locking mechanism, at least a portion of the printer locking mechanism located in the second compartment;

10 ~~(D)~~(E) providing at least one door, the door being attached to the second compartment and covering the opening;

(F) providing at least one door lock adapted to selectively secure the door, wherein the door lock limits and limiting access to at least a portion of the printer locking mechanism~~removal of the printer;~~

~~(E)~~(G) opening the door; ~~and~~

15 (H) actuating the printer locking mechanism; and

~~(F)~~(I) at least partially removing the printer from the first compartment.

68. (currently amended) The method of claim 67, further comprising:

20 ~~(A) — providing a locking mechanism, the locking mechanism being adapted to limit removal of the printer; and~~

~~(B) —~~ actuating the locking mechanism from within the second compartment.

69. (original) The method of claim 68, further comprising sliding the printer to at least partially remove the printer.